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1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call
2 the meeting to order. I appreciate you coming out
3 tonight. We're shy two commissioners tonight.
4 Peter and Robert are at a training seminar in Athens
5 and it was one of those things if they did not go,
6 it would be a year before they could replace it, so
7 that's why they're not here tonight. We do miss
8 them and hope they're doing all right.

9 Needless to say, Peter did give me
10 about ten lines here that he wanted me to read and
11 try to make myself sound as close to him as I could.
12 I think he says I talk funny. I don't know. But I
13 will read this in a minute. You'll have to excuse
14 my cough tonight, too.

15 Let me go ahead and read my -- this is
16 the regularly scheduled meeting of the Dade County
17 Commission which takes place at the same time every
18 first Thursday of every month. Proper notice of
19 this meeting was given in the legal organ of Dade
20 County and has been posted in the Administration
21 Building. At this time I need a roll call.
22 Mr. Pittman?

23 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Lowery?

25 MR. LOWERY: Here.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Rumley, here.
2 Mr. Goff and Mr. Cervelli are absent tonight. I'll
3 make a note of that. The reading of the minutes of
4 the previous month's regular meeting will not be
5 required since all Commissioners have been furnished
6 a copy. You have been furnished with copies. We've
7 discussed this. Minutes are public record and
8 available for review in our office. You're welcome
9 to come in and we'll give you a copy or even tonight
10 if you prefer. The minutes are included in the
11 consent agenda.

12 At this time I will entertain a motion
13 to approve the consent agenda. We do have a couple
14 of amendments. Well, actually one amendment
15 pertaining to the automobile, county automobile and
16 I'll entertain a motion pertaining to that.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: Do you want me to read
18 it?

19 MR. RUMLEY: If you would read it and
20 also explain the changes to the amendment.

21 MR. LOWERY: Do we need to vote on that
22 amendment?

23 MR. ROGERS: I think that you could
24 approve the resolution with that change.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Consent agenda from the

1 work session, approval of previous meeting minutes,
2 approval of S.P.L.O.S.T purchase for Johnson
3 Controls, a new cooling tower at \$106,000,
4 Resolution R3109, predisaster hazard mitigation
5 plan, Resolution R3209, amendment to the county
6 travel policy as amended by our county attorney and
7 the new court facility design. This is approval
8 through 95 percent at \$30,768, work authorization
9 number 15 to Arcadis. I will allow the county
10 attorney to say what he would like to on the travel
11 policy.

12 MR. ROGERS: You have in your packet
13 R3209, which is the resolution pertaining to the
14 county travel policy. That was drafted previous to
15 the meeting and in the work shop, you all approved
16 the passage of that resolution with the
17 understanding that it would be amended to reflect
18 that reimbursement for county travel would be at the
19 rate based upon the receipt of the actual gas
20 receipts received following the purchase of the
21 county vehicle, which is available to be used by
22 county employees.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Do you want to repeat
24 that? Y'all understand? We've already discussed
25 this. I will entertain a motion to approve the

1 consent agenda as presented.

2 MR. LOWERY: I'll make a motion that we
3 approve the consent agenda as presented.

4 MR. PITTMAN: I'll second that motion.

5 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call the vote. We do
6 have a second. Mr. Lowery?

7 MR. LOWERY: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

9 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Rumley votes yes. At
11 this time, I want to go ahead and say prayer and do
12 the -- say our Pledge of Allegiance. I didn't
13 intentionally skip over that. I've got a bad cold
14 tonight and got a little fever, so don't shake my
15 hand tonight.

16 (Thereupon, the invocation and
17 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

18 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Let's move down to
19 the administrative district Commissioner committee
20 reports. Scottie, do you want to start?

21 MR. PITTMAN: I really don't have
22 anything to report. We're down.

23 MR. RUMLEY: We're down. We're really
24 down on our recycling.

25 MR. LOWERY: The prices have dwindled,

1 not the amount.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Billy, we have got quite a
3 bid we're holding, right? You've got several bales
4 of aluminum, but you're kind of waiting on the price
5 to go up?

6 MR. MASSENGALE: Yes, sir. It has went
7 up from the mid twenties to the mid thirties now, so
8 that's a few hundred dollars, if not a couple of
9 thousand already. Hopefully it will go higher.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Lamar, what have you got?

11 MR. LOWERY: The restrooms at the park,
12 the concrete has been poured. I think Ted said at
13 the meeting the blocks had been delivered.

14 MR. RUMLEY: They're going to start
15 laying tomorrow if the rain permits.

16 MR. LOWERY: So that project is moving
17 on. The courthouse, the dirt work is -- how much
18 percent did you say was done on the dirt work?

19 MR. RUMLEY: Probably 98. They'll
20 finish up by Wednesday if the weather will leave
21 them alone.

22 MR. LOWERY: We had a cooling tower go
23 out in the jail that was 31 years old. That's what
24 you heard Don talk about over there that was, I
25 think, \$106,000 and it will be coming out of

1 S.P.L.O.S.T funds, so we're glad we could use it for
2 that.

3 MR. RUMLEY: The majority of it will.
4 We hope to get some from the Sheriff's Department
5 hopefully. We can get a little bit from them on
6 that.

7 MR. LOWERY: You can expound a little
8 bit more on why we had to do that, but that's about
9 all I've got.

10 MR. RUMLEY: All right. Thank you. I
11 have Peter's list that he gave me tonight and asked
12 me to read for him. A lot of this pertains to my
13 report that I'm going to give. I'll kind of blend
14 it all together.

15 We did go to Atlanta this past week and
16 we had a meeting with the Department of
17 Transportation Commissioner there and we went
18 concerning our money, our LARP money, our money that
19 normally each county gets a portion of to help them
20 on roads, on paving and we did find out that there's
21 an empty bucket of money. They just flat told us
22 there's not any money there. There is going to be a
23 letting -- a new letting of money which will be in
24 the fall, paving -- the money won't be released
25 probably until the spring, but there's about -- from

1 what I understand, about \$60 million that's going to
2 be put aside from the governor for this and it will
3 be divided. Hopefully we'll get our share of it,
4 but that was one thing he wanted me to mention.

5 The mowing of the right-of-ways, I
6 don't know if some of you have noticed, but we're
7 making -- actually made one pass, about a six-foot
8 pass throughout all the county roads and we have
9 mowed some of the critical intersections, some of
10 the driveways. That's all about money. We're
11 trying to keep costs down. We will go back on the
12 second round and we will do our normal mowing, which
13 we've got an extra mower, an extra two men flagging,
14 so that's saved us some on mowing. And also I
15 questioned the right-of-ways on state right-of-ways
16 and they -- because they're not going to mow -- I
17 think from what the Commissioner told me and what
18 his people, they're really not going to mow until
19 the end of July, probably just one time this year
20 and they also went to the intersections and cleared
21 out for the critical areas.

22 The -- the reflectors on State Highway
23 157 in Head River, GDOT assured us that they are
24 going to replace those reflectors. That's something
25 that they said they didn't have a problem with.

1 Also on the Walker County side out there in Head
2 River, Peter had talked to them and they're going to
3 actually work with us on that. We've actually taken
4 care of our side. That's pretty -- if you don't
5 live out there, you don't know really what we're
6 talking about. When it's real foggy, even in dark
7 nights, you can't see the road. But we also -- we
8 talked to them. We requested a warning light there
9 at the intersection on 157 and State Line Road --
10 Old State Road. He's got State Line Road, but the
11 school system actually had talked to him about this
12 and one of the drivers there at one of the meetings
13 out there talked to him and on foggy nights, you
14 can't even see where the intersection is at. They
15 didn't promise us anything. They said they would
16 review it and do a survey there and hopefully
17 they'll help us on that.

18 Also was concerned about the closing of
19 our garage, our DOT garage, which are where all the
20 mowers and all the salt trucks are at over here.
21 The Department of Transportation, they've been
22 talking about this for months about moving that to
23 actually over across the mountain to Lafayette and
24 working that -- actually two counties out of that
25 one office and we did voice our concern about that

1 because it's a little different, you know, travel
2 time when you've got a mountain between you and that
3 particular building or that particular unit as far
4 as travel time. And I actually -- I gave them some
5 maps or gave some maps to the commissioner and
6 explained to him the critical need for this to stay
7 in our county because it is part of your benefit as
8 a taxpayer. That's some of your state money and if
9 they pull that, we really -- the only thing we'll
10 have beneficial from the state as far as permanent
11 will be the Forestry Department. Of course, we
12 still have our Health Department. I mean as far as
13 the direct aid.

14 So we -- they really told us that the
15 local office, which is out of Cartersville when
16 the -- he gave me a man's name. I'm not going to
17 call his name, but he told me to call the next
18 morning. He actually would be the person to make
19 the decision. Well, when I called him, he didn't
20 know what I was talking about. He told me I needed
21 to talk to the commissioner. So I really don't know
22 what they're going to do about that. Hopefully,
23 they'll keep it here.

24 The Lookout Lake dam out there, that's
25 been an ongoing subject since -- actually since 2004

1 when I was a Commissioner before, the end of that
2 and we finally got state approval on the prints, on
3 the plans that were actually drawn by an engineering
4 firm out of Atlanta. Verbally I got that the other
5 day. I don't have anything in writing. But it will
6 probably be another couple of months maybe before
7 the State will give us a hard copy of actually
8 proceeding order. We have applied for some stimulus
9 money through a CDBG grant for this project.
10 Hopefully we can get -- I will be glad if we can get
11 half of what we applied for. You know, it's going
12 to be an expensive task to do this. So that will go
13 along with fixing the dam.

14 Canyon Park Estates, we've had problems
15 over there with flooding. There's three houses
16 there that's really had -- has been hit hard in the
17 past months when we had winds and storms and water.
18 We went in and was going to actually -- this is not
19 really a hard problem to fix this particular area.
20 It would take about two hours to do it, but we found
21 out that we had to go through an act of Congress to
22 even put a piece of equipment over there because it
23 was on State property even though we are a
24 government entity ourselves.

25 But anyway, we went through and met

1 with EPD and Corps of Engineers and I was notified
2 last week that they've signed off on it, everyone
3 but the parks service and that's what they were
4 waiting for, approval from the Corps of Engineers.
5 Hopefully, in the next couple of weeks we can get
6 that taken care of. It's not going to eliminate all
7 the water problems over there, but it's going to
8 help these houses that's being flooded.

9 Another thing I'll mention, too, Billy,
10 today we started on Gulch Road. We've got a pretty
11 good or pretty bad wash over there and we're
12 actually starting where they left off several years
13 ago with some big rocks and trying to keep that from
14 washing on out. If it keeps going, we're going to
15 lose a county road. It will swallow it up. So
16 that's another thing in that area in Peter's
17 district.

18 He wanted me to mention also, we talked
19 about this at the work session. If things keep
20 going like they are, and when I say that, I mean,
21 revenue, the County -- our officers, our elected
22 officials, they're doing real good on their budgets.
23 They're all, you know, either underbudget or running
24 pretty much on track, but some of you didn't hear me
25 there at the work session. Revenues are real --

1 terribly down and as the old saying goes, you can't
2 spend money you don't have. You know, if we keep on
3 track like we're going with revenue and don't adjust
4 the budget, even though they're living within their
5 budget and this was a budget set last year for this
6 year, we could actually be looking at an 800,
7 \$850,000 shortfall at the end of the year. So we as
8 the Commissioners, we're ready to tighten our belts
9 and we hope that the other elected officials are
10 ready, too.

11 We've got some proposals that we've
12 been talking about, everything from asking for
13 possibly a ten percent cut on their budget. I would
14 like to have a little more than that, over their
15 overall budget that's already set. We've talked
16 about furloughs. A lot of counties are furloughing
17 people. Catoosa County, if you've seen this in the
18 paper, one day every two weeks, which that's every
19 pay period, they're asking -- well, they're not
20 asking, they're doing within their -- the County
21 Commission.

22 Now, that's something we can do in our
23 house as far as the people we have control over, our
24 employees, but we have to ask the other -- that's
25 something the sheriff would voluntarily -- Ms. Page

1 would have to actually do because they are elected
2 officials and once we set that budget, as long as
3 they live within that budget, there's not a lot of
4 control. We can't come in and say you're going to
5 do this, but I hope and I feel that they'll work
6 with us on it because you can -- you can quote me as
7 saying this, but as far as I'm concerned, the
8 millage rate is not going to change this year.
9 We're not going up on taxes. It's just not. You
10 know, you just can't. I mean, you've got people out
11 of work. People can't even afford to pay their car
12 payments and house payments and I think -- I know
13 two commissioners that's on board with me. I feel
14 all of us feel the same way. So, you know, you can
15 -- I don't know if it will make you feel any better.
16 It may not, but it's just not a time at all right
17 now. We're in such bad times.

18 Let's see what else he's got in there.
19 I'm not really talking like Peter, but it says Ted
20 will speak in more detail about this. Well, I think
21 I went into detail about this. It just says that he
22 feels it's time for all County officials to come
23 together to manage a shortfall and that's what it's
24 going to take, not just the Commission. The
25 Commission is just a small percentage of this money,

1 about 28 percent, I think, is what the graph shows,
2 but your public safety is 50 percent. That's a
3 big -- public safety, 50 percent of the money you're
4 paying for taxes, that means that's what that goes
5 for, public safety. That's your fire, police.
6 That's all the -- that whole group of people. So,
7 you know, that -- just the sheriff alone, just that
8 department can really make a difference. If you
9 figure ten percent, that's a lot of money.

10 Do y'all have anything to add to that?
11 I know you're tired of hearing me talk, but I'm just
12 telling the truth and I want you to understand how
13 we feel and where we're coming from. I know we've
14 talked about this on the phone in length, you know,
15 and the -- there's not anything really -- anything
16 that you can reach out and control as far as your
17 revenue. It's not like having a business and you
18 can got out and hustle more business. If you see
19 you're going to have a shortfall, you know, in the
20 next couple of months, you can go out and solicit.

21 Well, this revenue is people that are
22 actually spending money. These are people that buy
23 McDonald's. This is people that buy from our
24 hardware store, truck stops. You know, this is --
25 so if y'all don't have anything else, I'll move

1 right on down the line. I think I've talked long
2 enough about this.

3 MR. LOWERY: Did we decide to have a
4 meeting next week?

5 MR. RUMLEY: We'll just need to find
6 out. We're probably going to have a called meeting
7 possibly next week pertaining -- I'll have all
8 the -- our county officers here and we're going to
9 discuss this in public. We can talk -- I can talk
10 to them one on one, but that way you'll know upfront
11 how we feel about it because you elected me and
12 Lamar and Scottie and you elected everyone, so, you
13 know, you need to know. It's not going to be one of
14 these he said she said this. I'm not trying to put
15 anybody on the spot, but that's why I wanted some of
16 them to be here tonight. I know that's not what
17 it's all about. It's all about doing what's right.

18 MR. LOWERY: And we won't make no joke
19 about it. I mean, it's a lot harder for an elected
20 official to stand here in front of the public and
21 say I can't cut no more off my budget than it is if
22 we're just back there in the back room talking with
23 them.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Well, that way -- because
25 we can't ask them to put it in writing. That way if

1 I have a personal or actually a meeting with them
2 and they tell me, yes, I'll do this, but they're
3 more apt to do it if they look all of you in the
4 eyes and say, yes, I'm going to shave ten percent
5 off this budget. But it will be an advertised
6 meeting as normal. All of you are welcome. I hope
7 we can fill the room up.

8 MR. LOWERY: That's why we need
9 everybody to come.

10 MR. RUMLEY: That's true. And if you
11 can't come, watch it on TV. That's what it's all
12 about. Have you got anything else, Scottie, on that
13 particular subject?

14 MR. PITTMAN: The budgets they'll be
15 shaving ten percent off of, they've already been
16 shaved several times.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Well, that's it. You
18 know, we had several meetings. I know we were on a
19 committee.

20 MR. PITTMAN: We feel like we had a
21 really conservative budget going into the year.
22 There's no way we could have guessed the economic
23 downturn that we've really had. We will work harder
24 to get the other ten percent.

25 MR. RUMLEY: The only one of the

1 elected officials that really -- and I need to
2 explain this to y'all if y'all are not aware of
3 this, but I know you are because you're the ones
4 that actually did this thing. I was just on the
5 committee, but would be Judge McCormick. He came in
6 and he was just newly elected and didn't know what
7 the budgeting process consisted of and he --
8 actually Judge Reed had submitted a budget of
9 \$143,000. I went over this today. And the previous
10 committee there, the Commissioners, you know, we
11 really -- they didn't really know and he didn't know
12 who he was going to use, whether he was going to
13 have another judge or not, so they cut him down to
14 about -- they cut about \$22,000 off his budget.

15 Well, now five months into it he's
16 seeing that, you know, he needs part of that money.
17 He's going to have to have it. So it would be kind
18 of unfair on him. I mean, if he can prove to us.
19 He's got some stuff in there. He's been buying his
20 own copying paper just trying to save. But that's
21 something we need to talk about.

22 MR. PITTMAN: A majority of the budget
23 is salaries, hourly wages. So the only way to cut
24 that is people being furloughed.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Well, yeah.

1 MR. PITTMAN: I mean, we may be on a
2 volunteer basis. There may be some county employees
3 willing to take a week off or so. Hopefully we'll
4 be able to find the money we need to find.

5 MR. RUMLEY: And we've got to do that.
6 We've got -- you know, if we do -- and there are
7 some that will volunteer. But what we've got to
8 look at, see, there's some of our policy that we've
9 got to change, too, because some of that was written
10 in years ago and, you know, you've got to work X
11 number of hours a month or you lose your benefits.
12 So we'll have to some things that we've got to do
13 legally. It's not a big deal. There's a lot to
14 look at. We just want y'all to know we're working
15 on this and try to put us in your prayers and think
16 positive. That's all we can do. I know we look
17 like a bunch of old men with our chins dropped, but
18 things are going to get better. I promise you that.
19 That being said --

20 MR. PITTMAN: We might start passing an
21 offering plate around.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Don't insinuate that. Do
23 we have anyone from the City tonight, a
24 representative from the City? Ann, do you want to
25 say something?

1 MS. BROWN: I believe I'll pass. I
2 have got something to tell about, but I'm going to
3 wait until the citizen participation.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Fred Stevens was supposed
5 to be here tonight. He had an engagement. Fred is
6 going to be on the agenda from now on. He's
7 actually our new chairman of the Industrial
8 Development Authority. He's got a lot of things
9 going on right now. I think they've got a meeting,
10 I think he told me, Monday evening, which will be in
11 this room. It is open to the public. They come
12 under Sunshine Law just like we do. They come under
13 the old legislative set of laws. So you're welcome
14 to come to that.

15 MR. LOWERY: When is the meeting?

16 MR. RUMLEY: Monday. It will be
17 advertised. He wasn't sure. I think he decided --
18 it's either 5:00 or 6:00 is when he's -- Monday. It
19 will be in the paper and on Evan's web site, too.
20 But that's an important group right there. It's got
21 to get active. You know, a lot of people, they say,
22 you know, you run Volkswagen in the ground. You
23 know, well, even if we're not talking about
24 Volkswagen, we need some industry. Also
25 Volkswagen -- we just had a call Friday and there's

1 going to be over 330 entities that actually are
2 associated with this group Volkswagen that are
3 coming into this area from makers of radio knobs,
4 doorknobs to bumpers. And my question was, you
5 know, why would they want to locate in a place like
6 Dade County when they've got several hundred --
7 thousands of acres up there. Why would they not
8 want to be on that site? We actually met with
9 Volkswagen down at Rising Fawn Friday -- Thursday,
10 about two weeks ago. They had a group over there, a
11 seminar and a retreat through the weekend and met a
12 lot of the people and a lot of their families. It
13 was just kind of a low key thing.

14 Their answer to me was most of their
15 suppliers, you know, want to be out here because of
16 the work force that we have. They can pull
17 themselves away from the main Volkswagen group as
18 far as -- when it gets right down to it, salaries,
19 I'm sure. They didn't say that, but I know -- I
20 don't have a thing in the world against unions, but
21 that will be union up there and some of these
22 smaller groups will possibly shy away from that. I
23 don't know.

24 So there is -- you know, there is hope
25 that we can possibly pull one or two of these

1 manufacturers in here, but the thing about it is if
2 they're not interested in the Shaw building, which
3 it is vacant -- it's sad to see it sitting there,
4 but, you know, we need to have them something to
5 offer.

6 So anyway, getting back to the
7 Development Authority, Fred Stevens is kind of -- I
8 think he's going to make a showing and hopefully
9 we'll have some positive out of it. I would like to
10 see us pull 450 jobs right here. That would be an
11 answered prayer. Anyway, Fred, he couldn't make it
12 tonight.

13 Okay. Don, let's move down to number
14 four, financial report, Don Townsend.

15 MR. TOWNSEND: Here we have the local
16 option sales tax graph that you can see. This
17 represents an average monthly revenue. We had a
18 little bump up this month. You see traditionally
19 June and July we do tend to go up, although
20 Representative Scott stopped by the other day and
21 indicated that this may be the first time in --
22 well, in several years that we may not have a bump
23 up. It may actually go down. We've been accustomed
24 to that lately, but hopefully we will continue to
25 see a little bit of increase or at least a flat

1 line.

2 These are the balances for the general
3 fund, 820,171; federal asset fund, which is for U.S.
4 Treasuries, 1,307; special sheriff's fund, 12,511;
5 drug abuse education fund, 17,468; supplemental
6 juvenile services fund, 13,165; victim assistance
7 fund, 3,740; jail fund, 29,425; federal asset fund,
8 Department of Justice, 2,253; payroll account,
9 90,799.

10 In the old S.P.L.O.S.T, 2004
11 S.P.L.O.S.T, you see at the bottom we have in the
12 P&I funds, 2,073,426. We do have one large deal
13 outstanding and that's going to be the final bond
14 payment which will wipe out most of that, which is
15 around 1.8 million and then that, the old bonds will
16 be completely paid off. 626,143 is what we're
17 paying out right now for the courthouse construction
18 going on. That's money that's been set aside.

19 2009 S.P.L.O.S.T funds, the project
20 account is not active yet. Proceeds account is
21 really not active quite yet. We'll see those moneys
22 start coming in around September. On the new
23 S.P.L.O.S.T construction fund 2,091,677 and those
24 funds, a few of those are invested for a total of
25 2,674,882.

1 Fire departments, there's no active
2 leases yet. They are working on some trucks for New
3 Salem, South Dade and Trenton. Those first payments
4 will be due around December of this year. Fire
5 departments with bonded money, you see that Davis
6 has 196,903 before Southern Fire and Service; New
7 Home Fire Department has had a new truck, tanker
8 truck, bought a mini pumper truck and some
9 communication software. North Dade Fire Department
10 has had some communication software, lighting
11 package for a Chevy pickup, the payoff on that
12 pickup, a Bennett Fire Products and then also some
13 other rescue equipment from Howell Rescue Systems.
14 And then Wayne Township Fire Department is the
15 ladder truck that was purchased recently by West
16 Brow from somewhere in Indiana. So you see many
17 S.P.L.O.S.T funds have been used and then we have
18 some investments of the S.P.L.O.S.T funds.

19 You can see right here 2008. We did
20 bring in 157,275 and I believe this is the local
21 option sales tax. Yeah, this is L.O.S.T. We
22 brought this in for the month of May. Last month
23 you see in April 114,000. March was 130,
24 February 193, so it's just all over the place.
25 There's no rhyme or reason. There's a graph

1 representing how it's been going up and down, up and
2 down. So compared to last May, you see up here
3 160,000. We brought in 157. That's pretty normal,
4 but then May of 2007 we brought 144, so, you know,
5 it's -- as the computer would say, par, it's pretty
6 average, but I don't know that we can depend on it
7 right now.

8 Monthly revenues for S.P.L.O.S.T.,
9 again, same situation. May we brought in 196,605,
10 whereas May of 2008 was 200,000 and May in '07 was
11 180. Again, up and down. The 196 was a welcome
12 relief. There was an adjustment. There's some
13 adjustment moneys inside that number. 135,000 was
14 actually what was reported, but there was \$61,128
15 was also sent along with that. We don't know
16 exactly what's going on with the Department of
17 Revenue. We understand there's a new software or
18 some kind of new reporting that merchants and
19 vendors are reporting their sales and use tax across
20 the state including Dade County.

21 Because of that -- that's been in
22 effect now since -- we think since February and
23 because of that, it appears that they're in the
24 process of trying to bring everybody -- bring all
25 these extra moneys that were out there in at one

1 time. That's why we have two entries. We have two
2 credits this past month and normally we just have
3 one. I don't know that that's going to be increased
4 or decreased, so I would hate to guess at that at
5 this point.

6 I think in the big scheme of things, if
7 you look, Commissioners, on page four under tab
8 number two, what this is, you can see the different
9 departments represented as of 5/31/09 on here. We
10 have -- these are revenues and then budgeted for the
11 month of May and if you go down here at the bottom,
12 you see that we are -- you know, it was on track as
13 far as revenues, 414,000 was brought in for the
14 month of May. We expected 411, so we were in the
15 black about \$3,162.

16 For the year, however, we look at the
17 column right -- this number right here, 73,354. We
18 hoped to bring in in the first five months
19 3,748,207, but we only brought -- I'm sorry. We
20 hoped to bring in 3.8 million, but only brought in
21 3.7 and the majority of that is due to the local
22 option sales collections being down.

23 The expense side of the budget or the
24 balance sheet, you see again, most departments
25 there's not as much red on here as it could be. And

1 as Chairman Rumley said, all departments have been
2 working very diligently to try to stay within budget
3 and have done a very good job.

4 For the month, we came in under
5 142,994. For the year we're under 315,970. Through
6 May we should have attained a budget of
7 41.67 percent. Revenues attained so far have been
8 above, which is a good thing, 43.88 percent.
9 Expenses are down at 36.02.

10 You see this number right here,
11 \$129,022. That in essence is what we had to use out
12 of the checking account because ultimately we had
13 414,000 and we spent 543,000, so the difference is
14 we overspent 129 for the month. That's normal. It
15 is a little bit better. I mean, we've got this
16 amount available in our checking account, whereas in
17 the last couple of years it's been a little tighter,
18 but due to some projections that the Commission and
19 Peter and myself have been looking at, through the
20 remainder of the year, it's not as rosy and I don't
21 know how specific you want me to get into that, but
22 that's probably what we'll be discussing this next
23 week or whenever the special called meeting is.

24 But it could be a significant decrease
25 in revenues for the remainder of the year to the

1 tune of nine percent today. Is that number going to
2 grow to 15 percent or will it drop to eight, seven
3 or eight percent, we don't know. I wish we did know
4 because that way we could tell you a whole lot more
5 about the future.

6 I can tell you in June we have one
7 large bill. Normally it runs about 110, \$118,000
8 and that's our building insurance. It used to come
9 due December, but now it's moved to July 1st, so I
10 know that's going to be coming up. We're expecting
11 a bill any day. So that 128 or whatever, 129,000
12 may be more like 300,000 next month that we have to
13 use for the current month that we have to use. So
14 that concludes the finance report.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions, Lamar,
16 Scottie? I'll make a couple of comments on what
17 Mr. Townsend said there. To give you an idea of
18 what it costs to actually operate the County in real
19 figures and not make it real complicated, it costs
20 us a little over -- now, this is everything. This
21 is payroll. This is every -- water bill, electric
22 bill. It costs us a little over \$600,000 a month to
23 operate this County. About 620, 628 or something
24 like that.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: For what?

1 MR. RUMLEY: To operate.

2 MR. TOWNSEND: It's in the six, between
3 550 and 7.

4 MR. RUMLEY: But on average. That's to
5 give you an idea of what we're looking at. I mean,
6 that's not way over. That's a lot of money. What
7 I'm trying to get through to people, our elected
8 officials and people in the county, we made a
9 promise when we came into this that we're going to
10 be tight with your money.

11 You know, and what he actually
12 explained to you, you know, if you look at it right
13 now, you say, well, you've got money in the bank.
14 Well, you don't spend money because you've got it.
15 We're looking at some hard times coming in on the
16 summer and you never -- I know in my house and my
17 business and all this, you don't go out on a limb
18 and spend everything, you know, and you get right
19 there and you've got maybe a thousand dollars in the
20 bank and you think, man, I'm doing all right and you
21 go buy you a plasma screen TV and go out and then
22 you realize you can't even afford the electricity to
23 watch that TV.

24 You know, that's kind of the way I look
25 at things here and that's why I keep -- Don is real

1 good. We're trying to -- we're preparing and that's
2 why we're going to the elected officials because
3 it's not hard to see that things are not really
4 getting any better.

5 I know Mr. Obama, President Obama came
6 on and said, you know, we've seen the worst behind
7 us and all, but people in Dade County, I don't know
8 how -- it may be -- in Washington it may be that
9 way, but you look around and look at your neighbors,
10 look at the people that's out of work. I'm talking
11 people that six months ago would never even -- would
12 have laughed at you if you told them they wouldn't
13 have a job, you know.

14 So anyway, I keep saying things are
15 going to get better though. I just want to stress
16 to you where we're at, the side we're looking at. I
17 appreciate that, Don.

18 At this time, I need to entertain a
19 motion to approve our financial statement.

20 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we
21 approve the financial statement as read.

22 MR. LOWERY: I'll second.

23 MR. RUMLEY: I have a motion and a
24 second. I'll call the roll. Mr. Lowery?

25 MR. LOWERY: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

2 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Rumley votes yes.

4 Okay. Robin, do you have anything
5 under legal matters you need to --

6 MR. ROGERS: No, no new legal matters.

7 MR. LOWERY: I've got a question for
8 you. The assessment freeze that the State just made
9 into law, is that going to help our case with our
10 assessment freeze in a lawsuit that has been brought
11 against us?

12 MR. ROGERS: It could, particularly if
13 it were to last more than one year, if it's a
14 one-year assessment freeze, which is what I
15 understand right now. I don't think it would impact
16 if it were two years, but if it were to be applied,
17 you know, permanently or something, then that would
18 make a difference.

19 MR. RUMLEY: What Mr. Lowery is
20 referring to is the lawsuit we have pending with
21 Mr. Rex Blevins --

22 MR. LOWERY: And Christina.

23 MR. RUMLEY: -- and Christina Holmes.
24 They jointly have got a suit against the County.
25 It's an ongoing matter, so that pretty much answers

1 that. A permanent, you know -- and the reason they
2 didn't do a permanent, from what Jeff and Martin
3 explained to me, they can't do that and the other --
4 when they have an election every two years, that
5 following legislation, if you change offices, they
6 don't have to honor that. So it will be voted on
7 again every two years. Because that was my
8 question. If you're going to do it, why not do it
9 for five years or six years. Have you got any
10 questions for Robin?

11 Unfinished business, have we got
12 anything we need to go over? We did table that
13 tonight pertaining to the ordinance pertaining to
14 the parade and bike events. New business, I think
15 we've covered all the new business we've got.

16 At this time anyone that would like to
17 come up and talk to us, you have five minutes.
18 You're welcome to come up. Anyone but Ann.

19 MS. BROWN: Now, this is not going to
20 be about me, Ted. I know everybody finds that hard
21 to believe. But I know most of you probably heard
22 about the explosion over in Piney today, the home
23 explosion and I just want to say this --

24 MR. RUMLEY: Explain to them. A lot of
25 them haven't.

1 MS. BROWN: Oh, have you not? There
2 was a home blew up over in Piney. There was a
3 mother, her two children and a two-year-old that she
4 was babysitting and the mother got out. They had a
5 hard time, I know, getting one of the children out.
6 But the two-year-old that she was babysitting was on
7 the couch and Michael Pangle, for any of you that
8 know Michael Pangle, went in the burning house and
9 got that baby out. Alex Case actually said he held
10 some of the house up that had fell to pull that baby
11 off the couch.

12 And the reason I'm saying this -- I was
13 down at City Hall when Jerry Kyzer was explaining it
14 and it was heartbreaking to hear him tell about
15 those kids that was standing there or I guess laying
16 flesh burned off. I mean, it was heartbreaking.
17 One of them, they -- I think Alex said they sent to
18 Savannah Burn Unit. One of them went to Cincinnati.
19 The mother, who they said was between 80 and
20 90 percent of her body was burned, is still in
21 Chattanooga and I don't remember where Alex said the
22 other one went.

23 But the reason I'm saying this is when
24 you see one of these volunteer firemen, you need to
25 thank them. You see Alex Case and his crew, you

1 need to tell them how much we appreciate them
2 because, you know, this was a family that she got up
3 to cook breakfast and somehow they had cut the gas
4 off, I think, was that it, or thought they had and
5 it was a gas explosion. So she got up this morning
6 to cook her family breakfast and a little baby that
7 she was babysitting and now I guess some of them are
8 hanging onto life by a thread.

9 So anyway, when you see some of these
10 volunteer fire department, tell them how much we
11 appreciate them risking their life to save us and,
12 of course, the ambulance service down here. I think
13 Alex said one ambulance was there in three minutes.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. They made a real
15 good response time.

16 MS. BROWN: So I just want them to know
17 how much I appreciate them and I think everybody in
18 this county, if anything, should appreciate these
19 guys that go out there for nothing and risk their
20 life. And, of course, the ambulance department
21 that's there in three minutes. I know Vivien Hester
22 from the Sheriff's Department, she went over there.
23 I mean, it was like Dade County turned out to
24 support these people and I think we as citizens
25 should turn out to these that went over to save

1 lives and tell them how much we appreciate them.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Ann. Also, we
3 need to really put them in our prayers because it
4 was an experience that -- I know I talked to a
5 couple of people that has been doing this a long
6 time and they couldn't talk. I mean, it just choked
7 them up. This was bad, bad. Little children were
8 running around there up the street. They didn't
9 realize. It actually blew them out of the house.
10 That's how bad -- except for the baby. He came in
11 and it was on the couch. So it's -- it's just a
12 sad, sad thing.

13 MR. GALLOWAY: Does anyone know what
14 kind of financial situation they're in?

15 MR. RUMLEY: I don't know. I think
16 there's some people checking on -- Lamar is trying
17 to get some things together, possibly open some type
18 of account for them. Do you know them, Gary?

19 MR. BALL: Yeah. They're -- Lindsay's
20 parents are missionaries in Guam. They're on a
21 plane now back to Atlanta. All three of them are in
22 Augusta, not Savannah. It cost him \$5,000 for
23 one-day tickets for he and his wife to come.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Do you know their names,
25 Gary?

1 MR. BALL: Lindsay Norcross. Katie
2 McDaniel was the child they were babysitting. She's
3 the one that went -- she's -- Katie is in pretty
4 good shape. She's just got -- they sent her to
5 Cincinnati because she had some places on her face
6 that they wanted to take care of there, but the
7 other -- the Norcrosses are the ones that got
8 burned, got the flash burns real bad. So I don't
9 know how that -- her sister lived here also.

10 They've driven down there tonight. Like I said, the
11 parents will be in tomorrow in Atlanta. Lindsay was
12 not working and Jessica, the other sister, was not
13 working. She had just got laid off and that's --

14 MR. GALLOWAY: Can I just make a little
15 speech here? For you people that don't know me, I'm
16 an ex-boilermaker, union boilermaker out of 454 and
17 when something like this happened, what we done, we
18 would take up money for people that's house burned
19 and stuff, just on jobs and stuff and we would raise
20 a lot of money. And I was thinking that maybe this
21 county, the people that's in the county, people that
22 comes to these meetings and stuff, I know we're
23 active, but if you could go house to house and talk
24 about the -- tell about these people, that they need
25 help, financial help, you know, for gas money going

1 to the hospital and stuff, you would be surprised
2 how much money you could get just going house to
3 house. A penny, a dollar, 50 cents, a quarter,
4 anything you could get. You could raise a lot of
5 money in a short time. And if you could get, you
6 know, some volunteers. I would be happy to go
7 around up on Sand Mountain, you know, go just house
8 to house. Take you a piece of paper, let them sign
9 their name and you put down how much they give so
10 you can keep up with it. You need to do that if you
11 want to do it.

12 But if we could do something like that
13 there, you know, it would be a real blessing for
14 these people.

15 MR. RUMLEY: This is televised, so we
16 need to stress to people, you know, really in the
17 morning on Evans show maybe do some call-ins.

18 MR. GALLOWAY: But this would -- you
19 would be surprised how much money that you could get
20 up for these people. I know they need help. Like
21 this gentleman said, \$5,000 is a lot of money. So
22 if we can, you know, like I said, I would be glad to
23 go around in neighborhoods. Go around in each
24 neighborhood and just ask for a donation for these
25 people and tell them about them.

1 MR. RUMLEY: From what Gary said, I
2 didn't realize they were missionaries. They're
3 actually over there working, you know, for nothing.
4 I mean, those people -- it's just a sad thing.

5 MR. GALLOWAY: This is something, you
6 know, not only for this family, for anybody that has
7 a tragedy and stuff. We can all get together and
8 say, look, you can spend \$5 for a McDonald's
9 hamburger. You know, I would be a whole lot --
10 wouldn't bother me to give money and I'm sure
11 everybody would feel the same way. That's all I've
12 got.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Anyone else want to come
14 up and talk to us tonight? The floor is open.
15 We're glad to have you up here. Have y'all got
16 anything else you want to say before we adjourn
17 tonight? I appreciate y'all. I appreciate all
18 y'all coming. I appreciate Robin and Don and I
19 appreciate ole Peter and Robert. Even though
20 they're not here tonight, they're doing good for the
21 county there. So if there's nothing further, I'll
22 make a motion -- I'll call a motion for adjournment.

23 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion for
24 adjournment.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Lowery?

1 MR. LOWERY: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

3 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Rumley votes yes. We
5 are adjourned.

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